

# roclamation



## Asian Pacific Heritage Month May 1 -31, 2016

- WHEREAS,** *Asian Heritage Week was officially established by a Congressional proclamation in 1978; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in May 1990, the event was expanded to a month-long observance by President George H. W. Bush; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The City of Bloomington, through its Human Rights Commission, joins our Nation in recognizing the month of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month; and*
- WHEREAS,** *during the month of May, we commemorate the rich and diverse culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and recognize more than thirty (30) ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific that are found in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The U.S. Census, 2014 American Community Survey reports that 6.4 percent of the Bloomington Minnesota population identifies as Asian Heritage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Bloomington has enjoyed a mutually beneficial Sister City relationship with Izumi City, Japan since 1993; and*
- WHEREAS,** *we honor the millions of Asian/Pacific Americans who, through their wisdom, diverse talents, courage and loyalty, have made this a stronger and greater community;*
- THEREFORE,** *be it resolved that I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as:*

### ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bloomington pledge to support the activities of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and asks all citizens of Bloomington to join in a celebration of diversity as a time to embrace the unique value that can be found in all of us.*

*Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016.*

---

*Gene Winstead, Mayor  
City of Bloomington, MN*